

length to the increase of gambling through the sale of art union tickets, and appealed to all Church-people to back up the Prime Minister in any efforts that he might take to deal with this evil. Synod agreed to the appointment of a Sunday-school organizer, and to the spending of a considerable sum on the improvement of the diocesan buildings.

### Christchurch.

The Synod this year will be a month earlier than usual. It is to open on Tuesday, September 14. The reason for the earlier date is to enable the meetings to take place in the dining hall of Christ's College during the vacation. It has been found difficult to secure any other satisfactory meeting place, and the present arrangement is really a return to old conditions.

Timaru is hoping to build a new parish hall and Sunday School at an estimated cost of £6,000. The roof of S. Mary's Church requires reslating, which will mean a further expenditure of about £500.

The Jubilee of the Mothers' Union was marked by a "big day" in Christchurch. The Bishop celebrated Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. in the Cathedral, when a sermon was preached by Archdeacon Haggitt. In the afternoon there was a great gathering of women in the Caledonian Hall, when Mrs. West-Watson gave an address. The Bishop was the preacher at the Cathedral Service at night, and had a good deal to say about the Christian home and its influence.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Union of the C.E.M.S. was held in the middle of June. The Bishop was elected to the presidential chair. The Diocesan Executive Council was elected as follows: Revs. A. H. Norris, F. Dunnage, J. F. Coursey, and N. A. Friberg, and Messrs. Bradbury, J. W. Baker, Fleming, Clibborn, Watters, and C. Taylor. The subjects dealt with at the Dominion Conference—Hospital Work, Immigration, Bible Classes, and Foreign Missions—formed matter for discussion during the evening. The Rev. F. R. Rawle, Chaplain of Paparua Prison, spoke on work in the prisons, and endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of the members in this part of Church work.

Miss M. Woods, C.M.S. Missionary in China, who has just returned after twelve months' furlough in New Zealand, was dismissed with a farewell service at S. John's, at which the Bishop was the preacher.

In order to help make up the diocesan quota for Missions, Mrs. West-Watson

held an "American Tea" at S. John's schoolroom. Each visitor was expected to bring a gift for the stalls, buy something, and partake of afternoon tea. We understand about £160 was realized as the result of the afternoon.

A series of lectures on "Anglo-Catholicism," arranged by the Guild of S. Mark, is being given during the winter months in S. Michael's hall. The Ven. Archdeacon Taylor opened on July 8 with "Anglo-Catholicism—What's in a Name?" Other lectures and subjects announced are:—Rev. T. M. Curnon, "The Mass in the English Church"; Rev. E. Chard, "Reunion of Christendom"; Rev. H. W. Smith, "Confession"; Rev. C. E. Perry, "The Church beyond the Veil"; and Canon Mutter, "Catholic Ceremonial."

The Revs. A. H. Acheson, Vicar of Cust, and H. O. Hanley, of Woolston, have exchanged cures.

The Rev. F. R. Rawle has been appointed Minor Canon and Precentor of Christchurch Cathedral, and will continue to act as Chaplain at Paparua Prison.

The Orange Lodges held their annual parade at S. John's, Latimer Square, on Sunday afternoon, July 11. The Rev. T. M. Curnow, Vicar of S. Saviour's, West Lyttelton, was the preacher, taking the place of the Rev. J. F. Coursey, who was in bed with influenza.

### Dunedin.

Attention is drawn to an important vacancy at All Saints', Dunedin. Dean Fitchett, who has been Vicar of All Saints' for close on half a century, is giving up parish work.

A service in connection with the Jubilee of the Mothers' Union was held in the Cathedral on the evening of June 23. The preacher was the Rev. J. H. Rogers. There was a large attendance of mothers, and a few fathers. There were celebrations at 10.30 a.m. in all the parishes where a branch of the Mothers' Union exists.

The Rev. F. C. Long, of Karachi, India, is giving a series of lectures in the various parishes of Dunedin.

The Clerical Society has widened its personnel, and now includes all the clergy in Dunedin and the suburbs.

When the war broke out there was a tremendous hullabaloo about the failure of the Christian Church. We had been teaching about heaven and forgetting the earth, we had neglected to warn men of the sin of war and to point them to the path of peace. There would be the same ramp all over again if another came.

## Board of Missions Notes.

### A Record Year.

The Board reports another good year. After meeting all its obligations there is a credit balance of over £2,000. It is pleasing to note that the missionary contributions are increasing year by year, and that the expenses have decreased, so that, including the loss on the sale of literature and the publication of "The Reaper," they are under 10 per cent. of the total income, which is less than half the expense ratio of the big societies at Home.

### A Great Recovery.

The satisfactory position of the Board's finances at the end of the financial period is particularly gratifying in that there was a big shortage in all the diocesan receipts a few weeks before the end of June. But through the splendid efforts of the Diocesan Missionary Committees there was a magnificent recovery in each Diocese. More than £5,000 was received at the Board's office in Wellington during the last few days before the closing of the books.

### Diocesan Totals.

Auckland, Nelson, and Wellington exceeded their quotas, and although the other Dioceses failed to reach theirs, they all made a big effort to do so. The total missionary contributions, for all Missions except the Maori Mission, were:—Auckland £5,255, Christchurch £5,178, Dunedin £2,016, Nelson £2,121, Waiapu £3,327, Wellington £4,839.

### Income.

The income for the financial period was £27,585. Perhaps the most striking feature of the receipts is the greatly-increased proportion that was contributed to the General Fund of the Board. This fact can be taken as an evidence of the increasing confidence Church-people have in the Board, for instead of ear-marking for some particular work they are trustful that their contributions will be used where help is most needed.

### An American Tea.

A splendid effort in the form of an "American Tea" was organized in Christchurch by Mrs. West-Watson to help the diocesan quota. It brought in no less than £160.

### "The Clash of Colour."

This popular book by Basil Matthews, published in London, has gone through 15 editions in as many months. It has also had a big sale in New Zealand. A few